

Diary dates

17 April	Prepayment for courses closes
20 April	Term 2 courses commence
4 May	Labour Day—campus closed
26 June	End Term 2
10 July	Volunteers Luncheon
13 July	Start Term 3
10 August	Show Day (Royal Queensland Show)
5 October	King's Birthday

From the President

During the term break

On four occasions, the campus was open to allow members to enrol in classes and prepay for the term. Thank you to members of the Office Team for 'manning' the office and the Course Coordinator Team for enrolments.

- David Thompson, ably assisted by Laurie McLaughlin and Bruce Shipstone, donated their skill and many hours of their time to install the new amplifier and wiring system for the speakers in the MBR. Thank you, gentlemen.
- While they were working in MBR the stained carpet tiles were also replaced. A little jigsaw puzzle work was involved in this process.
- Another successful Trivia event took place on Wednesday 8 April. Thanks to Ray and Marilyn Chapman, ably assisted by granddaughter Alice, for the hours spent in organising and cleaning up after this event. A very big thank you to Dan Stalker for taking on the role of quiz master. This was Dan's first time in the position and stepping into the large shoes of the inimitable Barry Montague, our historical quiz master, is always a challenge. Dan spent a lot of time developing the questions but had the extra challenge of an audio system that was not optimal. Thank you again, Dan, a job well done and we look forward to the next event in July.
- Barb Cooper, our Office Coordinator, chaired a meeting of Office Team volunteers on Friday 17 April. It was a pleasure to see so many of this team discussing office procedures and looking for better ways to carry out the role.



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- On Monday 13 April, Ruth Northcott, Elle Frawley, Russell Hopkins on behalf of the Course Coordinator Team, and myself, attended a meeting of the Moreton 5 U3A local network with representatives from Pine Rivers, Caboolture, Beachmere and Bribie Island.
- Cath Voysey, who looks after the television slide show in the tea room will be releasing new slides to challenge the brain and highlighting new and returning courses.
- The new Management Committee conducted its first monthly meeting on Thursday 16 April.

WANTED!—Photos from Classes

We show off what happens in our classes in the following ways:

- on our website (Jennifer Booth), web_manager@u3aredcliffe.org.au
- via the Tea Room slide show (Cath Voysey), cgvoysey@gmail.com, and
- via the *Campus Communiqué* (Jennifer Booth), editor@u3aredcliffe.org.au.

If something in your class excites you, take a photo and send it to one or all of the above members, with a suitable caption.

On behalf of the Management Committee, I hope that you all have had a pleasant break before we head into Term 2 classes on Tuesday 21 April.

Di Pelin

From the Secretary

This will be my last report as Secretary.

Our 2026 Annual General Meeting was held in the Margaret Ball Rooms on Saturday 21 March. Our thanks must go to everyone who volunteered to assist in the setting up, the sign-in desk staff, scrutineers, catering, cleaning up and restoring the campus ready for classes on Monday.



A thank you to those members who come along to take part in the meeting. Although it was a small representation (50) of our total membership (1593), the agenda topics discussions were lively and well received.

Awards

- 10 years of continuous membership: 25 members
- 20 years of continuous membership: 4 members
- Certificate of Appreciation: 1 member
- Life Membership: 1 member



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The awards list is below. Please, if your name appears on this list, you can pick up your badge and certificate at the campus office.

Russell Hopkins was presented with Life Membership for an all-round, strong contribution to U3A since 2015. This includes holding the positions of:

- four years as a member of the Management Committee
- two years as Secretary, and
- President for one year.

Russell has also spent three years as a member of the Course Coordination Team (editor of the Course Handbook), as well as being a member of the IT/AV sub-committee.

Russell, U3A Redcliffe will never be able to express our full appreciation for your contribution to our Association.

Jean Gillespie received a Special Appreciation Award, for the amazing support that she has given to her fellow class members of the Writing for Pleasure 2 course, over many years. Thank you, Jean

10 Years of Continuous Membership (badge and certificate)

Sandra Baty	Diana Drews	Annette Kitzelmann	Rosanna Rinaldi
Gael Bidgood	Olive Frazer	Irene Matthews	Rachel Sampson
Leonora Clark	Barry Fennell	Wendy Mealy	Michael Sharwood
Eve Craddock	Alan Ferrari	Tracey Milward	Lyn Toonen
Tony Deklin	Errol Grant	Margaret Morris	Marilyn Watts
Graham Drews	Patricia Holmes	Coral Pearson	Steve Wilson

20 years of continuous membership (badge and certificate)

Priscilla Miller	Janice Tuite
Joy Rymar	Bob Wilson

Pamela Sealy



Russell Hopkins receiving his Life Membership award.

L-R: Vice-President Pamela Sealy, Russell Hopkins, Treasurer Ruth Northcott, President Di Pelin

Annual General Meeting 21 March 2026

Photographer *par excellence* Ray Chapman captured highlights of the AGM. Thank you Ray for sharing them with us.



Steve Wilson receiving his award from Di Pelin



Joy Rymar received an award for 20 years of continuous membership



Jean Gillespie receiving her Certificate of Appreciation



Former President Russell Hopkins was presented with a new hat

From the Course Coordination Team

Term 2, 2026

A warm welcome back to all our members as we begin another exciting term at U3A. We hope you enjoyed a refreshing break and look forward to reconnecting, learning, and building friendships throughout a new term. We wish everyone a happy, healthy, and rewarding term at U3A.

Diary dates

- Friday 17 April: Prepayments for Term 2 courses close at 4:00 pm
- Monday 20 April: Term 2 starts
- Monday 4 May: Labour Day holiday, campus closed
- Friday 26 June: Term 2 finishes

Planned absences from classes

If you plan to be absent from a class for more than one class, please notify the Course Coordination Team. You may wish to advise your tutor as a courtesy; however, it is not the tutor's responsibility to pass this information on.

If you do not attend a course for three weeks and have not communicated with the Course Coordination Team (sickness, holidays, etc.), enrolment in that class will be suspended.

Thank you to those members who have advised that they will be absent for part of term 2. These long-term absences have now been entered on the sign-in sheets

Reminders

As a new term commences, please remember:

- Your U3A membership badge **must** be worn while you are campus. Badges help our volunteers quickly identify members in the event of an incident or emergency, ensuring support can be provided promptly. Thank you for helping us look after one another.
- With the exception of water in disposable cups or water bottles, no food or drink may be taken into classrooms.

Enrolment Days

A heartfelt *thank you* to all the volunteers who gave their time and energy over four enrolment days. Your patience, friendliness, and willingness to help did not go unnoticed. We received a great deal of positive feedback from members who felt welcomed and well supported. Your contribution is truly valued.

Thank you

Thank you to those members who have been in touch with the team, letting us know that they have withdrawn from term 2 classes. This has permitted some members who had been on waiting lists to join classes. The Course Coordination Team regularly check the course waiting lists to move as many members as possible to the enrolled class list.

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Direct Phone Number to Course Coordination Team:

If members or tutors wish to talk to a member of the Course Coordination Team, please call on **0436 845 462**. This number will be answered only during campus opening hours when a team member is present. Please leave a message if there is no answer.

Course Coordination Team

Petra Lyons, Teresa Dugic, Cheryl Verdon, Steve McGahey, Russell Hopkins

Smartphone know-how

There is no denying that smartphones are now a part of everyday life. Sadly, however, there are times when even the most savvy of us may be faced with a problem.

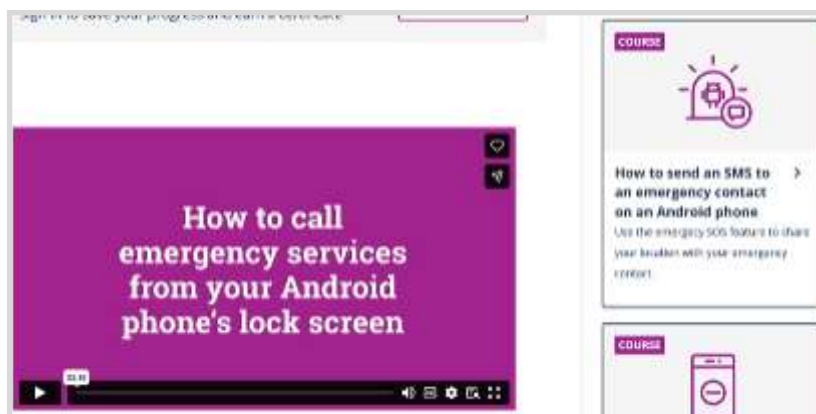
The Australian Government website *Be Connected* is a great place to find information that makes using our smartphones easy, from the absolute basics to advanced features.

This month it is promoting two short courses on areas that are relevant to nearly all Android users..

How to contact emergency services from a locked phone

[Click here](#) to go to the web page with information explaining what you need to do to call emergency services from almost anywhere in the world from a locked Android phone. You can watch the video or read the guide, which you can also print.

You can find information on [sending an SMS to an emergency contact](#) even if the phone is locked by following the link on the right-hand side of the page.



How to save money on petrol

[Click here](#) to go to an article which explains how to use trusted fuel price apps and websites that compare real-time prices near you.

The Queensland Government doesn't have its own fuel price app. However it does allow other app developers to access its fuel price database. [Queensland's Department of Energy and Public Works website](#) has a list of the apps and websites, such as Fair Fuel Finder (RACQ) and EzySt, that use this central database. The Queensland Government isn't associated with any of these apps or websites.



From the Editor

Bouncing emails

Every time I send out the *Campus Communique* I receive a number of 'bounces' from members' email services advising that the member's inbox is full.

It is good practice to regularly cull your inbox. While some apps, such as Gmail, automatically empty the deleted items bin after a set period, others need you to empty the bin yourself. Leaving unwanted emails in the trash is like putting the scraps in the kitchen tidy then not taking the tidy out to the wheelie bin for Council collection.

It can be daunting to go through a lot of old emails in the bin and permanently delete them one by one. Over the next couple of issues I will include a quick guide to deleting multiple items using Windows computers and Android devices.

If anyone wants to provide similar information for Apple users, I will be glad to publish it.

Unsubscribing

Please note that if you unsubscribe from *Campus Communique* emails you will also be unsubscribing from **all** emails from U3A Redcliffe. This means you will receive no emails about what is happening on campus, including those about class enrolment, cancellation of classes, and other important information.

Jennifer Booth



Care and Concern

At times there is notification that a member has not been enjoying the best of health, perhaps with a hospital stay. On some occasions this has not been known until much later. If you know of a member who is not well, can you please contact the Care and Concern Coordinator, Jean Hunt, on 0432 107 261 and she will arrange for a card to be sent from U3A.

Contributions welcome

What is happening in your U3A class? If you have a story to tell and/or photos to share about your class's activities, other members would love to know about them.

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